

HONORING THREASA MILLER

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedication and tireless service of Threasa Miller. Threasa will be retiring from her position as Executive Director of the PACE Center for girls in Immokalee, Florida on March 7th of this year.

Threasa has served troubled girls in Collier County at the PACE Center for 10 years. The Practical Academic Cultural Education program initially served 20 at-risk girls and has grown to reach over 75 girls each year. More than 500 girls have completed the PACE program in Collier County and have become successful young women in our community.

All who know Threasa know she has a special place in her heart for children. Before joining PACE fulltime, Threasa had a career in social services with the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Juvenile Justice. Her life-long commitment to children has not gone unnoticed. I am very grateful for her contribution to our community and honored to call her my friend.

TRIBUTE TO CAROL P.W.
WEATHERINGTON

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Carol P.W. Weatherington on the occasion of her retirement from the Miami-Dade County Public School System (MDCPS) after over 30 years of service and dedication.

Mrs. Weatherington's original ambition was to serve her community in the healthcare field as a nurse. Yet, after she interned as a teacher for the MDCPS she quickly realized that she had a gift in uplifting and building positive relationships with young people in an effort to prepare them for a bright future.

A native Miamian, she grew up in Coconut Grove and attended George Washington Carver Senior High School. After graduating from high school, she decided to break her family's tradition of attending Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University and matriculated to Bethune-Cookman College. She then obtained her master's degree in education from Nova Southeastern University.

She complimented her educational achievements with her involvement in various organizations such as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Miami Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Educational Excellence School Advisory Committee (EESAC), Language Arts Chairperson, Eighth Grade Team Leader/Eighth Grade Activities Advisor, and President of the Miami-Dade Chapter of the Bethune-Cookman University Alumni Association.

She began her career as a Language Arts teacher at Brownsville Middle School. During her 15 years at Brownsville Middle, she witnessed her students' reading level scores soar

dramatically. Today, many of her students continue to thank her for teaching them their reading fundamental skills. Following her tenure at Brownsville Middle, she went on to continue teaching at Rockway Middle School where she received numerous accolades, including a nomination for "Teacher of the Year". Presently, she is teaching Language Arts and Reading at Charles R. Drew Middle School, and is successfully meeting the challenge of educating the needs of her community's young people.

This public servant has shared over 20 years of marriage bliss with Major Arnie Weatherington, and has one daughter, Argatonia. She has been a diligent and dedicated steward at Greater New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church where she devotes countless hours to the Youth Ministry, as a Sunday school teacher and assisting with other church activities and projects.

It is an honor to have the privilege of knowing this valued educator and leader of the Miami-Dade County community and beyond. I salute Mrs. Carol P.W. Weatherington on behalf of a grateful community that she truly loves and cares for. Now, in retirement, she embarks upon new challenges in life and I am certain her legacy of greatness will only grow and develop as she enters this new phase of life. I wish her every happiness and success.

IN HONOR OF ONE OF AMERICA'S
LONGEST MARRIED COUPLES

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I am thrilled to rise today and congratulate an amazing Minnesota couple from White Bear Lake.

Clarence and Mayme Vail, ages 101 and 99, just celebrated their 83rd anniversary, making them perhaps the longest married couple in the Nation.

Sixty years ago their marriage was almost cut tragically short when Clarence became severely ill.

But Mayme made a promise to God that if Clarence recovered she would go to Mass every single day. Sure enough, Clarence got well, and Mayme kept her promise.

Clarence and Mayme's marriage has brought much joy to the world and touched many lives—including six children, 39 grandchildren, 101 great-grandchildren, and 40 great-great grandchildren.

Their amazing relationship is a profound testament to love, faith, and the cherished institution of marriage. Madam Speaker, I ask that this body join me in honoring Clarence and Mayme for what is truly a moving and inspiring achievement.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL ROGERS OF
CHARLTON, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and pride that I rise today to

recognize Paul Rogers. Paul is an outstanding asset to the entire community and has spent over 50 years sharing his passion for horticulture with the people of Massachusetts. This weekend, Paul is being honored by the Stockbridge Alumni Association with their prestigious "S" Award and this year's annual Central Massachusetts Flower Show Dinner has been named "A Tribute to Paul Rogers."

An alumnus of the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at UMASS, Paul Rogers received an associates degree in horticulture. Mr. Rogers took time away from school to serve during the Korean War from 1951 to 1954, when he was stationed in East Africa. Upon returning to the United States, Paul Rogers continued his education and earned a bachelor's degree from Clark University in Worcester.

Following his education, he served as a landscape superintendent at Holy Cross College for 20 years. He began his own greenhouse, Stonehenge Gardens, and served as a horticultural consultant throughout the area. He was nominated as the president of the Worcester Horticultural Society, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and the Horticultural Club of Boston and was the only person ever to hold all three of these positions.

Currently, Mr. Rogers can be found in a number of places throughout the State, teaching horticulture and inviting others to share in his passion. For the past three decades he has served as the host of "Gardener's Calendar" on WTAG radio and as the garden writer for the Worcester Telegram & Gazette. In addition, he is a lecturer at the Landscape Institute of Harvard at the world renowned Arnold Arboretum. And he is a member of many societies, including the Worcester County Horticultural Society, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, the American Horticultural Society, the Horticultural Club of Boston, Garden Writers Association of America, and a Trustee of Old Sturbridge.

Madam Speaker, I am truly appreciative of the work Paul Rogers has done for the residents of the 3rd Congressional district. For his outstanding service, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring Paul Rogers.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO "ALIPIO
COCO CABRERA" ON HIS 25TH
ANNIVERSARY "ON THE AIR"

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 25, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor and enthusiasm that I rise to congratulate Alipio "Coco" Cabrera in celebration of his 25th anniversary as a radio host and personality. He along with the Univision Radio family will be celebrating this very momentous and joyous occasion with a concert held on February 17th, 2008 at the United Palace Theatre in my district.

"Coco," as he is referred to by his fans, has a very rich history that has given him longevity in the radio industry for the past 25 years. His career began in the Dominican Republic as a journalist and writer, for the well known newspaper "El Nacional." Looking for better opportunities, in 1978 he decides to embark on a journey to New York City. As many immigrants